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SUBJECT: PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AIRLINES (PSA)

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1. DGAC JOSE RODRIGUEZ TORRES CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY TCO THAT HE MET THIS MORNING (APRIL 8, 1975) WITH MR. ANDREWS, PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AIRLINES (PSA) AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TIJUANA CONCERNING PSA'S INTEREST IN SERVICE TO MEXICO.

2. ANDREWS ASKED RODRIGUEZ TORRES FOR A LETTER WHICH HE WOULD PRESENT TO CAB WITH PSA APPLICATION. DGAC REPORTED THAT HE IS PROVIDING PSA WITH LETTER NOTING THAT (1) HE HAS RECEIVED PSA APPLICATION FOR SERVICE, (2) THAT HE WILL STUDY APPLICATION, (3) THAT HE VIEWS WITH SYMPATHY THE APPLICATION FOR IMPROVED CALIFORNIA-MEXICO SERVICE, AND (4) THAT AFTER A COMPLETE ANALYSIS THE GOM WILL MAKE A DECISION. DGAC STRESSED TO TCO THAT "VIEW WITH SYMPATHY" IS A TERM FREQUENTLY USED AND IT "MEANS NOTHING".

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3. ANDREWS REPORTEDLY OPENED DISCUSSION WITH REQUEST FOR BROAD AUTHORITY TO FLY FROM ANY CITY IN CALIFORNIA TO ANY CITY IN MEXICO. DGAC THEN SUGGESTED SAN DIEGO-COZUMEL AND/OR SAN DIEGO-CANCUN, NONSTOP, BOTH OF WHICH WOULD "BE NO PROBLEM FOR MEXICO". OTHER ROUTES DISCUSSED WERE (1) SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA-ENSENADA-LORETO-MULEGE-LA PAZ ("NO PROBLEM FOR GOM" - PSA WOULD USE BEECHCRAFT 99 AND DIVERSION FROM AEROMEXICO WOULD BE SLIGHT); (2) LOS ANGELES-LA PAZ-MANZANILLO-MEXICO CITY (OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO PSA; SLIGHT DIVERSION FROM AEROMEXICO SERVICE TO MANZANILLO); (3) LOS ANGELES-TIJUANA-ZEHUATANEJO-MEXICO CITY (COULD BE SECOND ONLY TO ROUTE 2 IN INTEREST TO PSA; SLIGHT DIVERSION FROM AEROMEXICO SERVICE TO ZEHUATANEJO); (4) ANY POINT(S) IN CALIFORNIA SERVICE BY PSA TO LA PAZ, MAZATLAN, PUERTO VALLARTA, MANZANILLO, ZEHUATANEJO, MEXICO CITY, COZUMEL AND CANCUN; (5) SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA. PSA SAYS IT CAN START THIS SERVICE IMMEDIATELY; ONLY COMPETITION IS TWO AIR TAXI COMPANIES.

4. DGAC FURTHER ADVISED ANDREWS TO SEEK CAB AUTHORIZATION; AND THAT HE DOUBTED THAT PSA WOULD OBTAIN IT. ANDREWS SAID HE WOULD APPLY TO THE CAB WITH THE DGAC'S LETTER AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM. DGAC REPEATED TO TCO THAT HE HAS NOT GRANTED AUTHORIZATION TO PSA TO BEGIN SERVICE TO MEXICO.
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